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1963-A	IA (20)
1963-B	E* (10), G* (10), L* (8)
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1988-A	B* (10), D* (5), E* (5), F* (5), G* (5), H* (20), I* (10), L* (5)
1993	I (5)
2001	A (20), B (20), C (20), D (20), E (15), F (20), G (15), H (20), I (20), J (15), K (15), L (15)

Please email or call us with the quantities you have and get our buying prices.

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## **TREASURER’S REPORT BY DAN FREELAND**

12-01-09

### **FIDELITY INVESTMENTS**

0-01-09	371.390 Shares @ 35.66	\$13,243.76
0-25-09 sold	13.330 Shares @ 37.61 for \$500	
12-1-09	359.227 Shares @36.68	13,894.90

### **CHECKING ACCOUNT**

8-19-09	Balance Team One CU	712.14
	Dues	460.00
	Check from Fidelity	500.00
	Interest	.05

Sun Printing (Membership apps & free ads)	144.27
Postmaster	31.96
Sam’s Club (Large & Small envelopes)	26.60
July-September Rag Picker	925.04
Sam’s Club (Address labels)	17.88

2010 MSNS Dues	30.00
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11-30	Balance Team One CU	496.44
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### **SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

8-19-09	Balance	5.00
11-30-09	Balance	5.00

34 new members were signed up in 2009

33 members who last paid their dues in 2008 have been dropped from membership rolls.



**Deceased:** None this issue.

**Reinstated Member**

Name	Location	Member #	Sponsor
Jim Benford	Grand Blanc, MI	3419	

**New Members**

Rich Heglund	Scottville, MI	3772	Dan Freeland
Gil Aguiar	Sacramento, CA	3773	Frank Clark
Stuart Packard	Bloomfield Hills, MI	3774	Dan Freeland
Ralph Vidusic	Brownstown, MI	3775	Dan Freeland
Steve Garvin	Traverse City, MI	3776	Dan Freeland
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Robert J. Drew	Berrington, NH	3778	Dan Freeland
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Joseph H LeBlanc	Canton, MI	3780	Karl Mark Paul
Bob Darling	Plymouth, MI	3781	Bill Herzog
David Hunsicker	West Bend, WI	3782	Dan Freeland
Dennis Gehringer	Howell, MI	3783	Dan Freeland
Dave Sweet	Lansing, MI	3784	Dan Freeland

Many of these new members were recruited at the Fall Michigan State Numismatic society Convention. Hats off to Dan Freeland, in particular, for a great recruiting job. Carry some membership application forms with you when you attend a Show. Invite paper money collectors to join.

**EDITOR’S NOTES:** We had a really good MSNS Show and a great meeting with excellent attendance. The meeting followed a Round Table Discussion presented by ANA President and PMCM member Cliff Mishler, MSNS President Karl Mark Paul, Military Payment Certificates Guru, Fred Schwan. Most of the attendees, PMCM members or not, stayed for our meeting.

We re-elected our current Officers and elected Bill Rau to replace our new Secretary/Treasurer Dan Freeland. There were lots of positive suggestions and we also endorsed new member Joseph H LeBlanc and member Mike Dennany in their candidacy for the Central States Board of Governors.

Member Frank Passic advised us that he has a new book out on historic Albion, Michigan. The book retails for \$25 and is full of Albion stories and coin and paper money information. There was a general sentiment regarding member’s desires to see more articles in the Rag Picker. Here is where you can help out.

Send me an article for publication in the Rag Picker. You can email it to me or send a typed copy. A hand written submission is ok...if I can read your writing.

Members at the meeting also requested a book of the month column, identifying a particular new book in the numismatic area that would be of value to club members.

We also need advertisers to help defray the cost of our publication. Send me your ad copy. Price rates for ads are listed in the front of the magazine.

We have a nice group of new members this month. As you know, we send you a membership application with each issue. Ask a friend to join. Ask club members of other numismatic groups that you belong to. People don't seek us out. That is not how membership recruitment works. We have to ask them. Give it a try. As personal encouragement, look at the recruiting job Dan Freeland did this issue. Frank Clark is another all American recruiter. You dealers out there can ask your customers. While you're at it, how about an ad.

I'll be at the FUN Show in early January. If you're there look me up at the Krause table.

**OUR COVER:** This issue we have another Canadian note. This is a modern issue, the 1975 \$50 note featuring the Royal Northwest Mounted Police in their famous Musical Ride. I had the good fortune to attend a British Tattoo in Toronto in 1995. It is a masterful pageantry of uniformed soldiers, drums, and bag pipes. This Tattoo was further aggrandized by the Musical Ride, with Mounties riding through columns of other Mounties at a canter. It was an amazing horseback drill team. We print our Rag Picker in black and white. The Mounties coats are red and really light up the back of the note. If you haven't noticed, Canadian notes are colorful and interesting to collect. Take a look and you'll find the equivalent of US National Bank Notes along with great vignettes on Large and Small size Canadian notes.

**BOOK OF THE MONTH SELECTION:** The best paper money book I've seen this year is the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Standard Guide to Small Size United States Paper Money by John Schwartz and Scott Lindquist. In addition to providing you information and pricing on Small size, it also offers statistics on the number of notes printed and isolates Mules and Star notes in particular. With this catalog in hand you're ready to start cherry Picking.



# **KARL'S COMMENTS**

**FALL 2009**



## **COMPLETE SUCCESS**

The 2009 Fall Michigan State Numismatic Show was a complete success as viewed by your President. PMCM had an all positive, high visibility performance earned by the lifetime efforts of our membership. Award after award was given to deserved collectors and educators.

## **DR LEE AWARD**

Dan Freeland won the 2009 Dr Wallace Lee Best of Show Award for Paper Money Collectors of Michigan. Chief Judge Cliff Mishler, President of the ANA, along with Bill Brandimore and Bill Herzog were our judges. Thanks so much. Many members had paper entries in the Educational Display competition. What a great Saginaw, Michigan display of pristine nationals.

## **CONGRATULATIONS DAN FREELAND**

Congratulations Dan Freeland, (you will see that often in this column), for your First Place Show in MSNS Paper category. Congratulations Dan Freeland for the 2009 Fall Best of Show.

Congratulations Dan and Kathy Freeland for your prestigious American Numismatic Ambassador Award. You are poignant and vibrant ambassadors of a hobby and business of millions of persons throughout the world care about. You each carry the greatest title a human can have.....TEACHER!

## **CONGRATULATIONS DAN FREELAND**

Congratulations to Dan Freeland, on your election at the annual meeting to your new post as Secretary Treasurer of PMCM. Dan was appointed by your President to fill the vacancy when Bob Thiel decided to retire. Thanks for stepping in to fill the shoes of Robert Thiel who has spent twenty five years as Secretary Treasurer.

## **THANKS BOB THIEL**

How do you say thanks to someone who has spent a quarter of a century in a position of responsibility? Bob Thiel, you have been an elected officer for so long, Editor Bill Brandimore had to go to 1984 back issues of the Rag Picker. You are the longest serving officer PMCM has ever had! THANKS! THANKS! THANKS!

## **OLD TIME MEMBERS**

For future Rag Picker columns, I hope, your new officers will be able to call on early members like Cliff Mishler and Larry Falater to share their recollections of our past. Speaking of new officers, our election at the Hyatt, returned Karl Mark Pall as President, elected Dan Freeland Secretary Treasurer, re-elected William Herzog and Larry Falater to the Executive Board and elected William Rau to the vacant board position.

## **EDUCATION**

Two educational programs were scheduled by MSNS for the Fall Show along with the traditional Youth Numismatic show with Joe LeBlanc.

Cliff Mishler, President of ANA, moderated a one and a half hour roundtable on Michigan Paper with Bill Brandimore, Fred Shwarm and Karl Mark Pall. This event drew a full crowd with all seats filled. The program was lively and focused into paper including military.

The other full crowd event was Ken Foley from Central States Numismatics talking on "bringing materials to auction". What a wealth of experience was shared with the Fall Show! The do's, don't and maybe's of his talk needs to be re-visited in future years.

## **CENTRAL STATES ENDORSEMENTS**

All of us who are members of Central States will be getting a 2010 election ballot in the mail. By-laws state that one state can cast only three votes for persons running from the same state. At our membership meeting, two of our members were endorsed: MIKE DENNEHY and JOE LEBLANC for the board. Mike presently serves on the board and has done a great job. Joe LeBlanc as Secretary Treasurer of MSNS has done a great job in his position. Please cast your ballots and remember Mike and Joe from Michigan!

## **WALLY'S BEST**

Wally Lee sends his very best to us all, and says "keep collecting".

## **GREAT YEAR**

Together we have had a great year, sharing, working, and communicating. You have brought a great team of persons together who care of our passions for paper.

From all of us to all of you: HAPPY HOLIDAYS...MERRY CHRISTMAS...  
HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR

Best.....Karl



**BEP  
AUGUST 2009**

\$1	fw	2006	B32 000 001L	B44 800 000L	12,800,000
			D83 200 001E	B96 000 000E	12,800,000
			D00 000 001F	D19 200 000F	19,200,000
			E57 600 001F	E96 000 000F	38,400,000
			E00 000 001G	E76 800 000G	76,800,000
			F12 800 001Q	F70 400 000Q	57,760,000

**STAR**

\$1	fw	2006	D00 000 001*	D00 640 000*	640,000
\$20	w	2006	IL00 640 001E	IL76 800 000E	70,400,000
\$100	w	2006	HB86 400 001M	HB99 200 000M	12,800,000
			HB00 000 001N	HB44 800 000N	44,800,000
			HF48 000 001D	HF76 800 000D	28,800,000
			HK73 600 001B	HK99 200 000B	25,600,000
			HK00 000 001C	HK06 400 000C	6,400,000
			IL064 000 001E	IL 76 800 001E	70,400,000
			HL48 000 001F	HL76 800 001F	28,800,000

**SEPTEMBER  
2009**

\$1	fw	2006	B44 800 001M	B96 000 000B	51,200,000
			B00 000 001M	B70 400 000M	70,400,000
\$20	w	2006	IA12 800 001B	IA38 400 000B	25,600,000
			IB51 200 001E	IB96 000 000E	44,800,000
			IB00 000 001F	IB06 400 000F	6,400,000
\$20	w	2006	IG57 600 001D	IG70 400 000G	12,800,000
			IL76 800 001E	IL96 000 000E	19,200,000
			IL00 000 001F	IL06 400 000F	6,400,000
\$100	w	2006	HB44 800 001N	HB99 200 000N	54,400,000
			HB00 000 001P	HB06 400 000P	6,400,000
			HF76 800 001D	HF99 200 000D	22,400,000
			HF00 000 001E	HF32,000,000	32,000,000
			HK06 400 001	HK38,400,000	32,000,000

# OCTOBER BEP

\$1	fw	2006	A89 600 001F	A96 000 001F	96,000,000
			A00 000 001G	A89 600 000G	89,600,000
			B70 400 001M	B96 000 000M	25,600,000
			B00 000 001N	B76 800 000N	76,800,000
			D19 200 001F	D44 800 001F	25,600,000
			E76 800 001G	E96 000 000G	19,200,000
			E00 000 001H	E96 000 000H	96,000,000
			E00 000 001I	E70 400 000I	70,400,000
\$20	fw		ID12 800 001C	ID96 000 000C	83,300,000
			IK25 600 001C	IK96 000 000C	70,400,000
			IK00 000 001D	IK96 000 000D	96,000,000
			IK00 000 001E	IK12 800 000E	12,800,000
\$20	w	2006	IA38 400 001B	IA96 000 000B	57,600,000
			IA00 000 001C	IA19 200 000C	19,200,000
\$100	w	2006	HB06 400 001P	HB99 200 000P	92,800,000
			HB00 000 001Q	HB48 000 000Q	48,000,000
			HD32 000 001D	HD38 400 000D	6,400,000
			HF32 000 001E	HF99 200 000E	67,200,000
			HF00 000 001F	HF06 400 000F	6,400,000
			HL76 800 001F	HL99 200 000F	22,400,000
			HL00 000 001G	HL51 200 000G	51,20

**CLUB NEWS:** This issue, we feature the Currency club of Chester county. This club puts out a monthly newsletter full of information on a myriad of currency related issues and facts. If you live within 100 miles of Chester County, PA, you need to join this active and interesting club. Featured speakers for the months ahead include Ray Waltz in January presenting part two of Brown Backs of the County seats of Pa.; Doc Aspen in February on the Secrets of “The President’s Wives.”



## WANT ADS

A History of Bermuda and it's Paper Money, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, is only \$50 to PMCM members, add your membership #. Dr. Nelson Page Aspen, 420 Owen Road, West Chester, PA 19380-4321. PMCM 1228.

Wanted to Buy: Uncut Sheets of St. Louis (H) District FRN's, 32 and 16 note sheets, especially. Call 972-689-9953 or email [scottb@midamerica Holdings.com](mailto:scottb@midamerica Holdings.com) Scott Barnes, 4711 Gaston Ave., Dallas TX 75246

Wanted: Wisconsin and Upper Michigan nationals. Plus all Wisconsin Obsoletes and Green Bay items. Please write Roger Bohn, 1345 Pondersoa Ave., Green Bay, WI 54313

Wanted: Very Fine or better, 1935 star mule. Email bill Brandimore at [billb3383@verizon.net](mailto:billb3383@verizon.net) or write, with price and description, Bill Brandimore, 1009 Nina Ave., Wausau, WI 54403.

Wanted: Crisp uncirculated 1928 to 2003A with the serial number ending with #25 Email address: [smallnotes25@yahoo.com](mailto:smallnotes25@yahoo.com) Allen Camacho POB 526 Keno, OR 97627-0526. PMCM member # 2073.

Collector seeking published histories of National Banks in the US. Please offer any you have to sell. Thanks! Bob Cochran, POB 1085 Florissant, MO 63031.

SASE gets my list of notes and coins. Would like to hear from anyone with banknotes from Radford, VA for sale. I am not a dealer, just an old collector. Silas N Cox, 1980 Pepper's Ferry Rd., Christiansburg, VA 24073. PMCM 3538

Huge new price list of Michigan Nationals, including many UP notes. Please send \$2. Thanks, Lawrence Flater, POB 81, Allen, Michigan.

Bargain, Rare 1985 \$1 FRN's District I, block D. Book value \$85 per note, my price \$50. Sheet of uncut 4 \$200. Other uncut notes available. Request. Herbert Glover, O Box 8941, Trenton NJ 08650.

Help Wanted: Need type 2 \$5 for # 9353, Houston National Bank, also any small size Texas \$100. Robert Hastings, 24814 Lakebriar Dr. Katy TX 77494. PMCM 3150.

Wanted: Michigan Nationals (small size) U.P. type 2's, L'amse, Gladstone #14111. Postcards showing alpha, Caspian and Rockland bank buildings. IP

advertising and coin banks. William Herzog, 2624 Whitmore Pl. Saginaw, MI 48602-3533. PMCM3137.

Seeking the following star notes: 1999 (K/11) \$5\*, 2001 (K/11) \$10\* also the 2003 (K/11) \$10 \* in any condition; uncirculated preferred. Henry Jenkins, PO box 3529, Merced, CA 95244-1529  
PMCM 3582

Wanted: CU 2006 or 2003A series \$1 notes ending serial # 007. Will buy or trade, have radars, quads, reapers & Fancy serial #'s. Marvin Mericle, PO Box 26, Prairie Creek, IN 47869. PMCM#3173.

Wanted: Large size NBN's on Preble County, Ohio, Richmond, IN. Seeking grades of VF to AU. Call 937-273-3165 or email buckshot198@gmail.com Gary Pheanis, POB 198, Eldorado, Ohio 45321.

Buying all types of Civil War tokens, store cards, settlers, patriotics, for my collection. Special interest in MI and rare states. Please send description and price. dcoin\_currency@sbcglobal.net  
Dennis Sheffer, 48645 Van Dyke, Suite 109, Shelby township, MI 48317.  
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Web notes buying and trading. Send serial number, block, plate combo and price. Email simpson-@bellsouth.net Scott Simpson, 7180 SW 6<sup>th</sup> street, Plantation FL 33317. PMCM#3321

Wanted, Michigan nationals and obsoletes, uncut sheets or anything from Flint and Genesee County banks or flint River. Have others to trade or buy. trailsendtrucking@charter.net  
John spohn, 7693 E. Holland R. Saginaw, MI 48601. PMCM#3550

Wanted: Ohio NBN's Bowling Green, Mendon, Kalida, Leipsic, Pitsburg, Bradford, Baltimore, Loudonville, Butler, West Liberty, Millersburg, Elmore, Buckeye City, Any scarce Ohio. Want Lowell, Michigan. Lowell yoder POB 444, Holland Ohio, 43528. 419-865-5115 Lordbless you@bex.net



## COLLECTING SMALL SIZE SILVER CERTIFICATES

by William Brandimore

With the ever increasing cost of Large size type notes, I have added Small size Silver Certificates to my list of collecting interests. Many of them are inexpensive, and many are not. This is a group of notes that can largely be collected in uncirculated condition.

Perhaps the easiest way to begin is by searching out 1935 notes in all their various series. These include 1935, 35A, 35B, C, D, E, F, G and H for starters. The 1935 and 1935A Group will probably be the most expensive, but should be well under \$100 in Choice CU. Merely uncirculated notes can look pretty awful with poor centering. The rest of the notes are relatively inexpensive.

You can expand this group by adding notes in the 1957 group with In God We Trust, 1957, 1957A and 1957B. Actually, 1935G notes first carried the Motto "In God We Trust;" They come in two varieties, with and without the motto. The change took effect in mid stream, so to speak, and 1935G notes with serial numbers beginning at D4896100J and above carry the Motto. At this point in your collecting you may begin to seek varieties. First, try and acquire notes with and without mottos in the 35G series. Finish up with an H series, issued only with in God We Trust.

Going back to the 1935 series, look for Mules. Mules are notes with different sized plate numerals on the front and back of notes. In 1935 Silver Certificates were printed with Micro numbers, front and back. In the 1935A group, the size of these front and back plate numbers was upsized to macro plate letter size. Look for these small letters in the South East quadrants of front and back notes.

Now your collecting begins to get more complicated, as the BEP, being a conscientious government agency believed in frugality. They did not throw away the old 1935 back plates with micro numbers and continued using them when the 1935A series came out so you can find a late 1935 note with macro sized lettering on the back. You can also find 1935A notes with micro plate letters on the back. These notes are tougher, with 1935 mule notes running \$50 or so in Very Fine, and 1935A Notes a bit cheaper. If you really want to get carried away, look for a Change Over pair. This consists of two notes in consecutive serial number order, but one is a 1935 note with Micro back plate numbers and the other is a 1935 with Micro letters, front and back. Changeover notes also occur when notes in serial number order show 1935 a1935A.

Getting back into the 1935 style notes, which all have the same design, but differ by signature combinations up through 1935G when the design was altered by adding the Motto. We find that there are also notes in the group that were printed in panes of 18 subjects instead of 16. This occurs in 1935D notes. Also occurring in 1935D notes are two varieties defined by the terms narrow and wide. This is illustrated in most paper money books and shows that there is more room between the margin on the border on the back of the note and the numeral one in the South East quadrant of the back.

Even more fun can be had when you add in star notes. These are tougher and more elusive. Tough star notes include 1935, 1935A, 1935B and somewhat less scarce the 1935C. 1935G notes with the motto are scarce, as well. 1935 Mule stars are very rare and run about \$1,500 in Very Fine catalog values. 1935A Mule stars can run to \$500 as well in Choice CU.

Now we can stir in 1934 notes. This is pretty simple. There are regular notes and star notes and therefore only two notes to collect.

1928 Funny Back Silver Certificate notes (so named because they look a little like Monopoly money on the back) come in 1928, 1928A, B, C, D, and 1928E. There are stars for all varieties, as well. C, D and E 1928 notes are particularly tough. A CH CU C note can run \$1000, a D can come in at around \$800 and E's, the rarest of the 1928 designs can run to \$3000 in Choice CU. Even in a nice Very Fine they will run \$500 to \$800.

Now you know what to look for. And if I haven't made it tough enough for you, you can always look for all the block letter combinations in each series. That's one that I am going to pass on. Cherry pickers, however, thrive on pulling out scarce blocks. Here you need to bone up on Small size catalogs that carry this information, such as Schwartz and Lindquist. Happy collecting, this project should keep you busy until the Tri Centennial!



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# WHITMAN ENCYCLOPEDIA OF U. S. PAPER MONEY

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We attended the First Annual Coin and Collectibles Philadelphia Expo held on September 23-26, 2009 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center which was sponsored by Whitman Publishing, LLC. We were there to represent the ANA at a free table that Whitman was gracious to let us have. Thank you David Crenshaw, your staff along with Whitman Publishing. We also attended the sale by Stack's of the First Session of Chester L. Krause's Wisconsin Obsolete Note Collection. What immediately caught our attention at the Stack's auction lot viewing room was this large book sitting on a ledge near the entrance of the room. This book was the Whitman Encyclopedia of U. S. Paper Money authored by Q. David Bowers with a Foreword by Fred Reed. We were amazed at the size and scope of this new reference. It premiered at this First Whitman Convention in Philadelphia.

The book has all the attributes of another, "Touchdown or Grand slam," for prolific author Q. David Bowers. Coming in at just under six pounds this Hard Bound Whitman Encyclopedia of U. S. Paper Money, has 900 pages filled with valuable information on U.S. Paper Money. It is possibly the finest reference ever written on the subject and may be one of the best books ever by award winning author Q. David Bowers. It was very enjoyable for us to read, and once we started to read - we found it hard to put down.

Of great importance, not only to new collectors but also to those who are advanced Chapters 1 to 5 contain invaluable information on: Introduction and overview, history and overview of Federal Notes, the development and federalization of paper money, grading, and how to be a smart buyer. The 90 pages within these first five chapters will take the reader on a very interesting and informative ride on anything and everything you wanted to know about U.S. Paper Money. Chapter 5 would be especially useful to any novice or even advanced collector and deals with how to be a smart buyer. We learned a lot from the four steps to success in this chapter which are: 1. Grade Assigned. 2. Eye Appeal at First Glance. 3. A Closer Look. 4. Establishing a Fair Market Price. By just reading these four steps, it would benefit you greatly if you wanted to pursue the collecting or investing of U. S. Paper Money.

We collect most U. S. Paper Money from Colonial, to modern U. S. Small Size Notes. We particularly enjoyed going through Chapters 6 to 17, which individually contained information on notes denominated from \$1 to \$100,000. As collectors, we rarely collect anything over the \$20 denomination, but if we were to pursue higher denominations this reference would certainly help.

The book contains more than 1,600 full-color images, and in most cases more than four grade and price valuations. The Federal Reserve Note section shows the number of notes printed as well, in most cases, the estimated current population and recent auction results for that note by signature combination or city where applicable.

It next lists Postage and Fractional Currency 1862- 1876 with all of the varieties and five conditions with estimated market values. This is an area of the hobby that is overlooked by most dealers and collectors. If people knew the actual rarity of these “small change notes” everyone would collect them. A short section on paper-money errors covers only the basic errors giving no values. The book also covers star notes and mules.

Continental Currency, 1775-1779 with pictures of representative notes are shown. Prices are shown by date on the note with quantity issued. Prices are given in summary form in seven conditions.

Early 19th Century Treasury Notes from 1812 to 1860 are also shown with some pricing. The last area covered is U. S. Encased Postage Stamps. A representative obverse and reverse is shown for each issuer and prices on all varieties. Prices from recent auctions are shown for the rare pieces.

The book ends with a list of the signatures on U.S. Currency from 1861 to date, and the terms of service of Treasury Officials, 1913 to date.

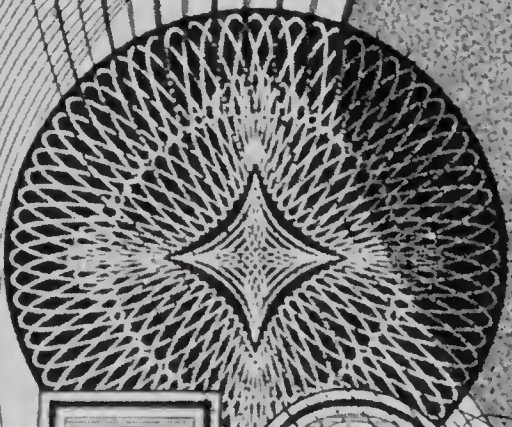
In many cases, we find the Bibliography in Q. David Bower’s references very useful. In this reference we found some new books that will be useful in stories we plan do, along with exhibits we are building. This reference also contains the Friedberg and Whitman Numbering Systems. We can now go over our collection and utilize these numbering systems, which are the standard in the collecting of U. S. Paper Money.

In summary, we feel the book is a must have for all collectors and dealers of U. S. Paper Money. We also recommend it to anyone with an interest in the monetary system of our country. Buy the book, if for nothing else, quoting the recent Whitman Press release (on this reference), it will help you to “Make wise purchases in today’s market.” It is another “can’t miss” reference authored by one of the greatest numismatic authors of all time. The book is 8 ½ x 11 inches and retails for \$69.95 and can be purchased from your local coin dealer or from Whitman Publishing, LLC, Main Office, 3103 Clairmont Road, Suite B, Atlanta, GA 30329 or call (800) 546-2995 or at the Whitman web page, [www.whitmanbooks.com](http://www.whitmanbooks.com)





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